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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****NEW PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Herewith is the patent application of Applicants:

FOR: Pet Hygiene Management Apparatus and Method

**Including:**

- ☒ Declaration
- ☒ Abstract 1 page(s)
- 13 Pages of Specification (only specification and claims)
- ☐ Specification in non-English language
- 11 Numbered claim(s)
- 3 Sheet(s) of drawing: ☒ informal ☐ formal size ☐ A4 ☐ 14"
- ☐ This is a filing under 37 CFR47 (Petition attached)
- ☐ Attached is an assignment to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 37 CFR55 and 35 USC 119 based on prior foreign application(s) No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in U.S., Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Attached: Verified Statement(s) established "small entity" status under 1.9 and 1.27.

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- [X] Attached: Information Statement pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97-1.99  
 [X] Attached: Form PTO No. 1449  
 [ ] Attached: Preliminary amendment:  
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Basic Fee:

- [ ] Basic Fee for a large entity (\$ .00)  
 [X] Basic Fee for a small entity (\$385 .00)

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**Additional Claims Fee:**

Total Independent Claims

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Total Claims

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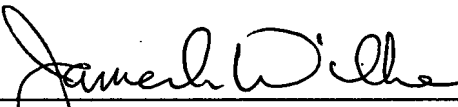
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